



**Park City Soils Ordinance Work Group  
of the  
Silver Creek Stakeholder Process**

**February 28, 2001**

**FINAL MEETING SUMMARY**

**In Attendance**

- Toby Ross, Park City Municipal Corporation
- Jim Christiansen, U.S. EPA Region 8
- Catherine Roberts, U.S. EPA Region 8
- Muhammad Slam, Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Environmental Response and Remediation
- Suzanne Lewis, Prospector Park Home Owners Association
- Paul Lammers, Park City Municipal Corporation
- Sally Elliott, Prospector Park Home Owners Association and Summit County Historical Society
- Ginger Tolman, Mountainlands Community Housing Trust
- Dean S. Berrett, Prospector Square Property Owners Association
- Brent Ovard, Summit County Public Health
- David Johnson, Park City Board of Realtors
- Lisa Silva Ward, Prospector Village Resident
- Kathy Meyer, Prospector Village Resident

**Observers**

- David Cline, Bingham Environmental
- Michael O'Hara

**Introduction of New Work Group Members**

The facilitator explained that she had followed up on all suggestions for potential new work group members, calling more than ten individuals. Two individuals were invited to attend this work group meeting. The individuals were selected on the basis of the major criteria given by the work group at its last meeting (residents outside Prospector Park and families with children), and with a view to balancing representativeness of interests with availability and meeting times. Several of the other individuals contacted can be helpful in future outreach efforts for the work group's activities.

Lisa Cilva Ward and Kathy Meyer, both residents of Prospector Village, were welcomed to the work group.

### **January 31, 2001 Meeting Summary**

The group decided that formal approval of meeting summaries was unnecessary. The general process will be for the facilitator to draft and distribute a draft meeting summary by e-mail. Any changes or additions will be discussed at the next meeting.

No changes or additions were suggested for the January 31, 2001 meeting summary.

### **Draft Statement of Goals**

No changes were suggested to the draft Statement of Goals that had been distributed to work group members by e-mail. In response to one comment that the document might be long and too detailed, the group agreed that if a shortened statement of goals was needed at any point, the six numbered and bolded statements would be used as a summary.

The group was not unanimous in making the Statement of Goals final. It was agreed to leave the document as a "draft", to be revisited after the members become more familiar with relevant background information at the next work group meeting (scheduled for April 25, 2001).

### **Background Materials**

Paul Lammers explained the contents of the binder of background materials (entitled "Soils Ordinance Work Group") that was distributed to all work group members at the meeting. The binder currently contains:

- Upper Silver Creek Watershed Fact Sheet (March 2000)
- Statement of Goals of the full Watershed Stakeholders Group (May 4, 2000)
- A map of the Park City Soils Ordinance boundaries
- Text of the Park City Soils Ordinance, including relevant definitions (especially, "approved topsoil," "hazardous waste," "mine tailings," and "Prospector")
- Summary of EPA's March 1989 conditional acceptance of the Park City Soils Ordinance (known as "the Reader's Digest version")
- Full text of EPA's July 1988 recommendations regarding the Park City Soils Ordinance
- EPA/UDEQ Issue Sheet on Soils Issues (December 1999)
- Soils Workgroup(s) Starting Points (April 2000 - for discussion only)
- Recent correspondence between Park City, EPA and UDEQ (September 25, 2000 Park City to EPA; November 20, 2000 EPA/UDEQ to Park City; January 19, 2001 Park City to EPA/UDEQ)

Work group members were encouraged to add additional background information as they collect it to the three-ring binder. Jim Christiansen mentioned that participants might find the minutes of the full stakeholders' meetings and the transcript of the March 2000 public meeting helpful as background information. These documents and additional information about the Watershed Stakeholders' Group can be found on-line at [www.silvercreekpc.org](http://www.silvercreekpc.org). Work group members were also invited to observe the next full stakeholders' group meeting, scheduled for March 28, 2001, with a public hearing scheduled for the evening of March 27, 2001.

Anyone with questions about the background materials should contact Jim Christiansen (303-312-6748) or Paul Lammers (435-615-5112) directly.

### **Issues to Be Addressed by Work Group**

The discussion about identifying potential issues for the work group to address was extensive, but inconclusive. Starting with the assumption that the Park City soils ordinance is a viable solution, the work group began framing question, the answers to which would help determine whether the ordinance is working. As the discussion progressed, several participants expressed their inability to identify issues for the group without additional background information. With virtual consensus in the group about the need for creating a "shared body of knowledge" for all group members before progressing further, it was decided to defer the effort to identify issues until more extensive background information can be provided.

The work group's next meeting was scheduled two months away, to provide time for the government entities (EPA, UDEQ, Park City and Summit County Health) to coordinate presentations on existing technical background information. The presentations will include, at a minimum, historical and current environmental and health data, as well as a summary of the soils ordinance requirements and compliance efforts. Recognizing that this background information will focus attention on the difficult issues that need to be addressed by this work group, some of the same issues that created the divisive interactions of the late 1980s, every effort will be made to present background information that is relevant to the current situation and factual. After this background information has been absorbed, the work group will be in a better position to determine what additional information may be needed (if any), and to determine the issues which it wishes to address.

Although the discussion of potential issues or questions was incomplete, the following topics were discussed before reaching the decision to increase the group knowledge base:

- purpose and existence of 6-inch soil cover
- nature of the mine waste materials within the ordinance area
- ranges of lead levels in EPA-approved cleanups
- bioavailability of the lead in the ordinance area
- current exposure to lead in the soil, if any
- whether data exist regarding blood levels of lead within the ordinance area
- uniformity of soil cover within the ordinance area

- acceptable levels of lead for purposes of off-site disposal of removed soil
- variety of analytical tools available to measure exposure and risk
- need for universal knowledge of the ordinance and its requirements
- level of compliance with the ordinance
- long-term maintenance of the ordinance

Kathy Meyer suggested that the medical community be approached to participate in the group's fact-finding. Phone calls will be made to the doctors she identified to determine their level of interest.

### **Public Notification and Outreach**

The group discussed its role in addressing soils issues within the ordinance area. In general, participants agreed that after getting an individual understanding of the problems and potential approaches, their role will be to assist the government agencies in educating the community at large (the work group members' constituencies) about those issues. Jim Christiansen confirmed that an educated community was essential if an "institutional control" such as the soils ordinance is to be considered an effective solution, as is the strong local government commitment that has been shown by Park City.

Prospector Park Homeowners' Association is having a meeting on May 7; Sally Elliot invited Paul Lammers and Jim Christiansen to give the group an update. Prospector Village is forming a homeowners' association, in which Lisa Silva Ward will be involved; Paul and Jim are likewise invited to give that group an update when it is formed.

The full stakeholders' group will be having a public meeting on March 27, and a group meeting on March 28. Jim Christiansen or Paul Lammers will report on this work group's efforts at both meetings.

Several participants gave suggestions on methods for disseminating information to the public at large whenever the work group is in a position to do so.

The group discussed how individual members would respond to media inquiries. It was agreed that work group participants would speak as individuals only, and would not speak as a representative of the work group. If necessary in the future, the work group will appoint a spokesperson for media contacts. The current status of the work group's efforts is that it exists, it includes representatives from a variety of perspectives, and it is looking at relevant data to determine what issues it will address.

### **Next Meeting - Time and Agenda**

The next work group meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, 2001 from 9 am - 2 pm. Lunch will be provided. The entire meeting will be devoted to the government agencies' joint presentation on technical background information, with substantial time provided for questions and answers.